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TO-DAY CLOSES THE FIRST MONTH OF THE CRITIC under the new deal. We are happy to announce that the success of our experiment thus far has largely exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Notwithstanding the fact that we began operations at the outset of the season which, dull everywhere, is always peculiarly stagnant in Washington, the business of THE CRITIC, both in circulation and advertising, has steadily grown and is now considerably more than double what it was when we took charge. Of course there has been an enormous increase of expense in all the departments of publication to offset the growth of patronage. But if present indications are a criterion by which to judge of the future, we may be assured that the year as a whole will show a handsome balance in our favor as a voucher that there was plenty of room for another full-blooded evening paper in Washington. Indeed so rapidly has our circulation increased that we have already found it necessary to negotiate for the construction of a fast perfecting press of the latest pattern, which we hope to have ready for use by the time Congress assembles. On the whole we have every reason to be gratified at the recognition of our efforts by the reading and business public of Washington, and extend to them our profound acknowledgments.

A LADY of Montreal has gone utterly deformed from the alarm caused by the town talk about the end of the world. What can be the matter in Canada that the people should get so scared?

THE LEGISLATURE of New York was rather impaled on the horns of a perplexing dilemma. It would be equally impossible to find a man up there who could not fill the place of Platt and to find one who could stand in Conkling's shoes.

FROM THE FACT that Mr. Lapham is a stalwart we infer that Mr. Miller is not. The latter being the same sort of an accident that Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, was, it will be in vain to search for his views in the Congressional Record.

IN BELGIUM the law is that whenever a sturdy oak falls or is cut down, a sapling shall be immediately planted in its stead. One would judge from the selection of Eldridge G. Lapham to succeed Roscoe Conkling in the United States Senate that the members of the Republican caucus had been reading up Belgian law.

WASHINGTON CITY, heretofore the paradise of lunatics at large, has become their Hades. The eccentric wanderers who have excited so much amusement, will be regarded with apprehension, and one good thing is that persistent hanging around the White House will be considered evidence of murderous intentions.

FROM THE ABOVE it will be inferred that hereafter, in his visits to Washington, Mr. Halstead will keep at a more respectful distance from the White House.

AGAIN our national pride has been outraged. Gen. U. S. Grant, once President of this country, has become so far reduced that he was forced, several days ago, to buy a pair of Hambletonian geldings for the humiliating sum of \$1,000. If George Jones can't pay the whole amount of that fund, why can't he give the Old Commander a little on account so that something in the nature of style may be maintained.

WE ASCERTAIN upon inquiry that a communication signed "Pro Bono Publico," concerning the O Street Market, reflected unjustly upon the Messrs. Wheatley, lumber merchants, at Ninth Street and Rhode Island avenue. We were imposed upon by the aforesaid communication, and take pleasure in saying we are fully satisfied that the imputations it embodied against the Messrs. Wheatley were wholly unfounded.

SOME YEARS ago a horse appeared on the English race course called Comforter. A great deal of latitude had been allowed to the turf, but this was going too far, and many of the religious papers protested, as well they might, against such a name. The disturbance grew considerable, many persons otherwise careless felt considerably shocked and added their voices to the protest until, under such compulsion, a public explanation was made that the horse was the offspring of Muffette.

IT WILL BE OBSERVED that a reaction has set in up in the State of New York. Tired of bickerings and overcome by an aspiring thermometer, the great legislators of the Republican party have at last officially concubated, and the result is a compromise on Senatorial candidates, which presents the names of Eldridge G. Lapham and Warner M. Miller. We hail this reaction on the part of the great State of New York. She has had so much trouble in the past few years with her big men that she decides to try the other extreme. In doing so, she certainly consults the principles of true democracy in our Republic. Massachusetts has long since recognized that mediocres are in a large majority in the Bay State, and Dawes has been for some time in the Senate as the standing representative of this large popular majority of his constituents. It can be fairly inferred that the same rule holds good as to New York. Lapham and Miller will only be another proof that the small and select body of strong minds and powerful brains in the Empire State can stand aside for a while and give the common masses a chance.

WE LEARN THAT a very martial spirit seems to prevail among the negroes of South Carolina. A recruiting sergeant recently appeared in Charleston and posted the usual notice that he was ready to examine recruits for the army. There was straightway a wild rush for his office, and negroes

flocked from all sections of the State to him. Most of them were wholly unfit for the army, many being old, maimed, and infirm, but all wanted to carry a musket and wear the blue. This possibly may set a few men up North to indulging in reflection. Any pretense that in the present healthful condition of South Carolina the negroes cannot find opportunity enough to shoulder a hoe is all bosh.

Their instincts are lazy and depraved. They want the sincere of carrying muskets in times of peace. Suppose we revive the old advice about raising more cotton and less hell, and change the application to fit the case.

THE DREAD DEED and its awful consequences that are just now bearing upon our hearts and brains may well give us pause to reflect that words are things. The exhalable of the idle and the unreflecting, the wordy eloquence of the weak, the vapors of the imaginary, are all stimulated into action by the stronger utterances of the dissatisfied, the jealous and the egotistic. Starting from that ground of truth, that the report of a misrepresentation is the clearest of the clearest, or unthinkingly by the feeble dissonant, a feeling is created which spreads widely throughout the community. The sentiment, which is despised by the wise, and disregarded by the careless, is thus seized upon by the trivial and the foolish. Fluent words uttered in conscious exaggeration by brainy men in casual moments of pique, fall upon an unstable intellect and work it into frenzy, and as a removed and utterly unintentional consequence, the fool, or the enthusiast, performs with bloody hands what was the mere fiction of another's fancy. Reading backward through the history of many lands, this sad story recurs again and again with the same invariable moral teaching, patience and prudence to human speech.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME," indeed, when Cadmus, a postmaster, shoots himself, it is believed, because of irregularity in his accounts? What better name than Cadmus could be found for a man of letters?

Another Good Man Gone.

Dr. H. E. Wilson, the astronomer at Cincinnati, while looking at the comet on Tuesday night, saw a marvelous sight. He saw two comets. A great many people have seen two comets by looking at it through the bottom of a tin can, but Dr. Wilson saw it through a telescope. The rumors that the astronomer had been out "staring up with a sick friend" and that while returning home he happened to see a comet, were contradicted. The two comets are said to be separated 1,200 miles. How was this? Did one comet have another one concealed about its person, or is there a great split in the cometary politics?

The Missing Link.

Justice Stanley Matthews has frequently been mistaken for Grant, for Garfield and for Hayes. Gen. Grant, having the fact called to his attention recently, said: "Now you speak of it. I can see myself that there is a likeness in him to each of us, though neither of us look much like the other. He is a sort of link between us."

Sighting the Family.

The well-known editor of the St. Joseph Herald has told us about Jim, Joe and Henry Lane, and says they are "the three little boys." This he hardly could say, for thing by Lundy's Lane, who, we suppose, was one of the family.

Meeting on a Level.

A French aristocrat, who was one day passing along the boulevard, was approached by a little beggar, who asked piteously: "Give me a penny, please, only one penny; I haven't had any dinner."

A Bold Proposition.

How would it do if the great American public would endeavor for a season to let the office seek the man? There has been a lot of talk about the man seeking the office. The Freeporter's bullet is hardly doing more than the importunities of thousands of office-seekers scarcely ever crazy than he had nearly accomplished.

St. Louis Bridge-Wreckers.

"All aboard! keep in your feet!" shouts the conductor, as the train starts from St. Louis. But in spite of this injunction an elephantine hoop protrudes here and there from a car-window, to smash the first bridge that gets in the way.

The Spoils System.

Bosses and bossism—machines and those who run them—Congressional claims and Senatorial courtesy—all are the obnoxious fruit of the poison tree of the spoils system. It should be cut up, root and branch.

Tip Us the Wink.

"Clara Belle," the famous fashion scribbler, says that "during the coming season, ladies will wear nothing but long-sleeved and striped hose." Who? How soon will the coming season arrive.

The Dandy Craze.

The dandy craze is growing worse every day, and big prices are being paid by the millionaires for this simple little flower. In the meanwhile the New England farmers are paying men well for removing this agricultural pest from their fields.

His Pride Still Uppermost.

Mr. Conkling was too proud to condescend to tell the court good-bye. Now there is nothing stuck-up about the American people, and they will one and all join in bidding Mr. Conkling a long good night.

They Indorse "The Critic."

The journals of Europe can discover not the least political significance in the at-tempt to assassinate President Garfield. In this they show more discrimination and good sense than some of the newspapers of this country.

Dead-Heads, Please Notice.

The Duke of Sutherland sent to a San Francisco theatre for a box. The manager returned the money with the tickets, saying that he would be glad to consider the party as guests. The Duke replied that he couldn't use the box if he couldn't pay for it.

Lessons in Language.

"I had always supposed," said Mr. Brud. well, that being a good boy with an air of resignation, that the German was the richest of modern languages, but after I got married I discovered that English was."

His Job in Washington.

Grant's remark that he would proceed to Washington upon the death of the President suggests that he might do it convenient to assume temporary command of the Sherman family.

The First Invitation.

If the President recover, he must visit his southern friends. We of the South have learned to love him. He would love us if he knew us better.

Instruction in Idaho.

A black bear in Idaho undertook to hug a young lady, and she punched out one of his eyes with a parasol. It will teach him a lesson.

Utilizing the Comet.

The comet's tail is 400,000,000 miles long, and there is talk of securing it as a serial for the Courier-Journal's Sunday supplement.

Expense no Object.

A course of medical study in Paris costs about \$4,000, but twelve women have just received diplomas there.

Description of the President's Sick Chamber.

The sick chamber, the room in which the President lies, is not the extreme south-west corner room as is commonly supposed. The bed chamber adjoins it. It is a large apartment with a high ceiling, and has the same furniture as that used by Gen. Grant. The walls and ceilings are ornamented with pale drab panels inclosed by gilt mouldings. The spaces between the panels are of light dove color. The furniture is a cottage set of hard, light wood with very simple ornamentation. A washstand with a plain white marble top stands in the northwest corner of the room, and the dressing case stands near by against the north wall. The bed is low, and the headboard of a very moderate height. An inlaid border of Grecian frieze pattern is the principal ornamentation. There is a cane rock and several cane seat chairs belonging to the set. All are light and simple of design, in fact, as known as an Eastlake pattern. A table with a white marble top belongs to the set, and stands near the centre of the room. The bed has been drawn out into the centre of the room, and stands with its headboard toward the east wall. It is covered with a plain white counterpane, and stands right in the draught between the two large windows in the south wall and a doorway through the north wall into the corridor. The doorway to the dressing room is in the west wall near the north corner. In order to moderate the draught a screen is placed between the bed and the north doorway. There are several large easy chairs in the room, upholstered in a variegated pattern of grays and drabs. The thick, heavy carpet has a black ground, with a leafy pattern in gray and white. There are few ornaments in the room, as, owing to Mrs. Garfield's illness and the intention of the lady to leave during the summer, they have not really been decorated yet. A large picture of Gen. Garfield stood on an easel in the room, but this has been removed. The windows have large awnings and screens.

Lincoln the Pro of Office-Seekers.

Greene's Editorials. When we last saw Mr. Lincoln, he looked so weary and haggard that he seemed unlikely to live out his term—and one main reason for this was the incessant persecutions of office-seekers. Let his successor erect stern barriers against their approaches, and let him take a precautionary measure against assassination. Since we know that the spirit of murder is abroad, and that it seeks the highest in the land for its victims, it is not right to afford opportunity to every mercenary who may aspire to win distinction or office by the killing of a President. Mr. Lincoln was often most unjustly assailed for having a petty guard of cavalry when he rode out to his summer residence, some miles from the White House; but we now see that the precaution was needful. We trust that no chance will be afforded an assassin to strike down the new President without exposing himself to instant and certain arrest. One such tragedy as that of last Friday evening should suffice us for a century.

A Serious Matter for the People to Look To.

Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald. Such a strong Republican journal as the New York Times speaks thus of the man who has just taken the Presidency by grace of an assassin's bullet: "While his succession to the Presidency of the United States depends simply on the issue of a strong man's struggle with death, the great question which will be considered eligible to that position, did the choice depend on the voice of the people, would be the order of the majority of the people of the United States."

It will be well to remember such opinions as this when the nominating convention of both parties are again held. The Vice-presidential office must never again be considered as a position for a pensioner or a head or as a basis for trade or compromise.

Prohibition in North Carolina.

The address from the Republican State Committee of North Carolina, explaining why it opposes the ratification of the proposed prohibitory liquor law, closes as follows: "The question must now be decided at the polls. Republicans in every township must organize and poll a full vote against the bill, as the only means of preventing the creation of a powerful monopoly of drugists, apothecaries, and physicians, which is always dangerous in a Government like ours, and should be prevented at the outset. When this has been done, Republicans will be ready to aid in regulating the sale of liquor in such manner as will remedy and correct as many abuses growing out of the use of liquors as can be remedied and corrected by legislation; abuses not remedied or corrected by this means, being left to those infatuated with society who are so powerful and more effective of moral purposes than a thousand pages of repressive statutes bristling all over with fines and penalties for statutory misdemeanors, which have been and always will be winked at and condoned by the general public as a species of violation of law which owes its criminality to frailties incident to human nature."

The Woman's Bank of Boston.

An adjourned meeting of the creditors of Mrs. Howe, late president of the now defunct Woman's Bank of Boston, was held yesterday afternoon before Judge McKim in the Probate Court. Several additional claims were presented, but judgment upon them was suspended, pending the introduction of further proof. Augustus Russ, assigned, stated that there were enough claims to be introduced of which he knew to bring the amount to \$300,000 or over. Six per cent. of this amount would be \$18,000. Mr. Russ has received \$21,000 as the total assets, with suits, counsel fees and other claims pending. He would not feel it safe in declaring a dividend of more than five per cent., at which figure the dividend was fixed. The meeting then adjourned to September 30.

Fidelity Recognized.

Major Thomas T. Eckert, general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has issued a circular to all superintendents recognizing the prompt and satisfactory manner in which the employees of the company have met the emergencies of the service during the past week. He says that "disregarding Sunday and holiday hours, they have remained on duty day and night, enabling the managers to keep the cables clear of the great emergency, and advised of the condition of the President's Manager Eckert then does the handsome thing by authorizing the superintendents to see that employees are properly remunerated for the extraordinary service they have willingly rendered. Coupled with which is an expression of the thanks of the company."

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